

SCRAP METAL ORDINANCE

Proposed Changes

Timeline of the Problem

- ▣ Early 2000's – scrap metal prices start to rise
- ▣ 2006 – scrap metal prices reach all time high, thefts increase all over the City

Stolen concrete forms



110 N. Market

(one of 3 large buildings gutted in downtown area)

- ▣ Building vacant pending remodeling; \$300,000 in damages and loss.



Heightened security measures to protect air conditioning unit



Water Department 1401 W. Museum Blvd.

- Project for Water Department
- 1.5" copper lines severed
- \$200,000 in damages



Car stop

- ▣ Known copper thief who was selling \$4,000 worth of copper per month



- 2007-2008 – Police and Law staff begin dialogue with impacted business community and local scrap metal dealers
- 2009 – City Charter ordinance Chapter 3 pertaining to scrap metal sales/operations is modified

Significant Changes within the City Ordinance

- ▣ Update of definitions
- ▣ Requires separate licenses for each business
- ▣ Adds clarity regarding suspension and revocation, plus appeal rights and due process
- ▣ Adds accountability regarding sale of scrap metal.
- ▣ Addresses truth in advertising issues
- ▣ Details record keeping procedures

Significant Changes (cont.)

- ▣ Limits cash transactions
- ▣ Describes property “hold” process
 - Internal dealer
 - Police holds
- ▣ Protects government property
- ▣ Specifically defines items with high propensity of theft